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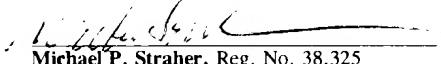
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 24, 2000, in connection with the above-identified patent application. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, without prejudice: